

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Arizona State Prison Complex -Eyman Browning Unit

Special Security Unit (S.S.U)

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 06, 2018

SUBJECT: Yuma Disturbance SSU Interviews

On March 05, 2018 The Browning Unit Special Security Unit conducted interviews with the 7 inmates that were re-housed at ASPC-Eyman / Browning Unit, Enhanced Security. The inmates that were interviewed by SSU were suspected to be involved in the major disturbance at ASPC-Yuma / Cheyenne Unit on the evening of March 1st, 2018.

During interviews all 7 inmates stated that the issue was over staff "going too far" while dealing with Suspected CSG Inland Empire Member [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] while he was intoxicated and running from staff when approached. Inmates stated that Correctional Officers "beat, choked, and pepper sprayed" [REDACTED] on the yard while he was fully restrained.

Below are bullet points of each interview:

[REDACTED] # [REDACTED] (Suspected Grandel Member)

[REDACTED] was asked by SSU what the reason behind the disturbance was and he stated the following:

- *"All I know was it all happened because a Cali-Boy ([REDACTED]) was faded (under the influence of drugs or alcohol) and he got jammed up (addressed) by some CO's, when they were taking him to the yard office I think he tried to run from them and they caught him. After that, they started to beat his ass on the yard in front of everybody so it went off"*

[REDACTED] was asked if it was common knowledge by the inmate population for staff to react that way with disorderly inmates.

- *"No, I've never heard of them getting that crazy, there's a few CO's that are dicks (unprofessional) but the majority are ok, they just do their job. It's weird, the veterano's (older staff members) are the dicks, and the young ones are ok."*

In addition [REDACTED] had the following to add in regards to the disturbance:

- *“We don’t agree with what happened, we all thought it was stupid for them to riot over an idiot who can’t handle his drinking (alcohol consumption). We destroyed where we live (Cheyenne Unit) and now I’m here at Eyman because of this punk (undesirable) when we could’ve all been doing our time in peace.”*

[REDACTED] # [REDACTED] (Suspected Border Brother Member)

[REDACTED] was asked by SSU what the reason behind the disturbance was and he stated the following:

- *“The Cali-Boy ([REDACTED]) was all fucked up (intoxicated) and acting a fool (acting belligerent) wanting to fight people but everyone just ignored him because he was drunk. The CO’s came for him and put him in cuffs because he was being crazy and they were walking and I guess he tried to run and they got mad and beat him up. They were wrong for that so the yard went off because of it. We knew that dude was wrong for acting up but the CO’s were wrong too, they shouldn’t have done that.”*

[REDACTED] # [REDACTED] (Suspected Inland Empire Member)

[REDACTED] was asked by SSU what the reason behind the disturbance was and he stated the following:

- *“The riot happened because of staff; they choked me out, and beat me up in front of the whole yard because they said I ran from them.”*

[REDACTED] was asked by SSU why he was approached by staff to begin with.

- *“They said the Sergeant wanted to talk to me and I said I’m good. I didn’t want to talk to anyone. I guess they didn’t like that and that’s why they put me in cuffs.”*

[REDACTED] stated the following when asked why he was running from staff:

- *“I didn’t run from anyone, they beat me for no reason. I was the victim that’s why the yard went off.”*

[REDACTED] was asked by SSU if he was intoxicated and he stated:

- *“No I wasn’t drunk, they were just picking on me, they said I tried to swing on a CO too and that is a lie. They just started hitting me and choking me, they even sprayed me with paper spray.”*

Interview was concluded by SSU due to [REDACTED] confrontational behavior and him refusing to answer any further questions.

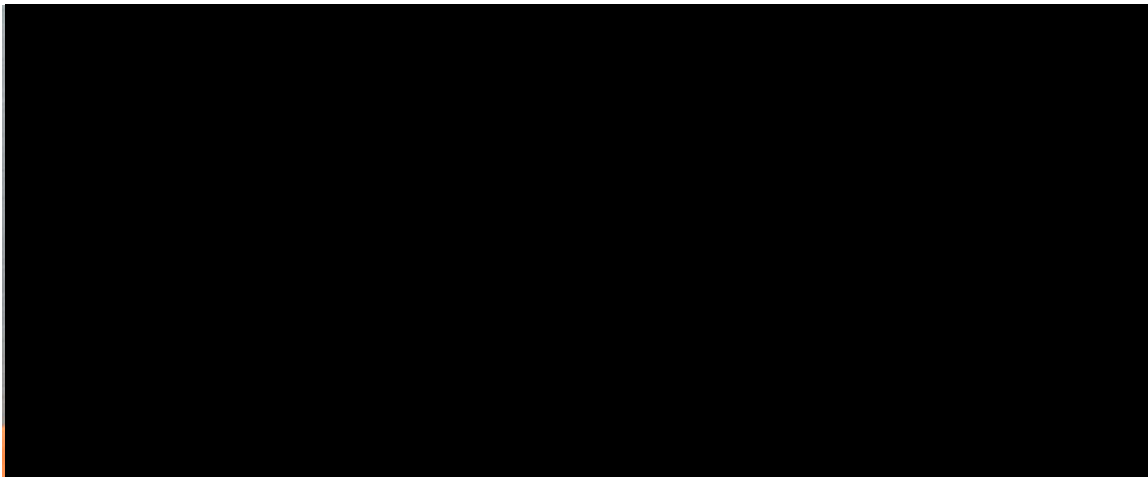
Browning Unit SSU also interviewed the following inmates; Suspected Dine Pride Member [REDACTED] # [REDACTED], Suspected Barrio Libre *Member* [REDACTED] # [REDACTED], [REDACTED] # [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]. They all stated they did not know exactly why the disturbance occurred but they heard it was over a “*drunk inmate*” getting crazy with staff. They all stated themselves and the rest of the inmate population did not agree with the disturbance happening.



[REDACTED] # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] # [REDACTED]

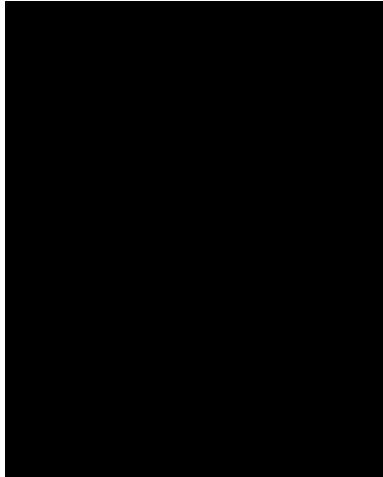
[REDACTED] # [REDACTED]



[REDACTED] # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] # [REDACTED]



[REDACTED] # [REDACTED]

The Browning Unit Special Security Unit will continue to monitor the above mentioned inmates by conducting 100% mail scans, phone call monitoring, and by conducting follow-up interviews. All inmates did submit to a urinalysis and all results were negative. All information received concerning the disturbance will be forwarded to Eyman Complex SSU Coordinator Lieutenant Carlos Reyna for review and dissemination.